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### PLANS FOR SCHOOL BETTERMENT GET UNITED SUPPORT

Various Interests Represented in Hearing Before Legislators Urge Better Conditions for Schools.

Pleas for a betterment in conditions surrounding the conduct of the public schools in Memphis were made before representatives of the Shelby county delegation to the legislature at a meeting in the courtroom of Second chancery court Saturday morning. To judge from the unanimorning. To judge from the unanimity of the various interests making the requests and the very evident sympathetic attitude of the delegation, the schools of the city will work on a constantly broadening plane for the next two years at least, Members of both the old and new boards of education, City Superin-tendent Wharton S. Jones, representatives of the Parent-Teacher asso-ciation, the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the city commission and various private citi-zens made talks before the delega-

zens made talks before the delegation.

The program regarding finances, agreed upon at a meeting between the city commission and representatives of the two school boards were presented by Bolton Smith, representing the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and were indorsed by representatives of other interests, Charles J. Haase, former member of the board, appeared before the delegation in the interest of a fund for teachers' pensions, and was appointed to select a committee to draft a bill embodying a pension, to be presented to the legislature.

Prof. Jones said that he was in communication with the superintendents of the Nashville and Chattanooga school systems, who are preparing bills providing for pensions and he suggested that the delegations of the three counties of Shelby, Davidson and Hamilton work in concert for the bills. It was agreed to leave the prorating of funds for all such purposes to the disposal of the school board.

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In the matter of providiny free textbooks it was discovered that a general act had been passed in 1917 providing for all boards of education to furnish free textbooks, but the question was raised as to whether this general law amended the charter of the Memphis board, which provides the methods in which all reverses are to be expended. To matter was referred to Marion G. Eyans. counsel for the board, to determine.

#### Hits Book Commission.

Mrs. Berney Harris us a represen-tative of the Parent-Teacher associa-tions of the city, suggested among her indorsement of the various moves for improvement which had been made, that the textbook commission which selects textbooks for use in the state at five-year periods be abolished and the selection of textbooks be left to the educators of the different school centers of the state. She said that it was arreed among She said that it was agreed among authorities on the subject that the maintenance of a textbook commission furnished an excellent opportunity for graft and imposed a big expense upon parents of children of the state in changing textbooks from

expense upon parents of children of the state in changing textbooks from time to time, and many times the books were not improved.

It appears certain that the delega-tion will seek to have passed a bill authorizing the board to issue \$1,000.-000 in bonds at the rate of \$500,000 per year, the amount to be used in repairing old school buildings and completing new ones.

completing new ones.
Judge J. M. Greer asked the delegation for several changes in existing laws. He wished to have the speed limit fixed for automobiles at 15 miles outside incorporated limits. and 10 miles within corporations. He urged that the criminal laws changed so as to allow the state the same so as to allow the state the same number of peremptory challenges as the defense; that a law making it so that the reading of newspaper accounts of any occurrence or trial resulting therefrom would not disqualify one from serving on the jury; capital punishment be changed to life imprisonment; that women be made eligible to hold any office in the state and be made to pay poll taxes and that the law be changed so as to take away from a judge the right to issue peremptory instrucright to issue peremptory instructions to a jury. Harry Holman made several prac-

tical suggestions regarding changes in the criminal laws of the state, calculated to remove certain inequalities and abuses that occur now simply because the judge and jury can not but be guided by the law covering

# INDICT FIVE FOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 .- Indictments for conspiracy to defraud the shipping board were returned Friday DR. COLEMAN IS PLEASED in five cases by the United States grand jury at Philadelphia, it was announced here by Chairman Ben-

All of the indictments were obtained as a result of investigations by the board. Others are expected

and the total sum involved was \$30,000, it was alleged.

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rene Shaw Claims Fear Caused Her to Carry Guns to County Jail to Aid Escape

That Sam McKee, one of the men held in connection with the escape of the "dandy bandit" trio and the murder of Jailer George T. Reeves, threatened the life of Mrs. Irene Shaw, wife of Alda F. Shaw, unless she carried pistols to her husband at the full has been brought out in at the fail has been brought out in a statement made by the woman to Inspector Will Griffin.

The second statement of the wom-

an somewhat alters the case. Mrs. Shaw at first declared that it was an unconquerable love for her hus-band that made her deliver the "death pistols."

"Your life won't be worth much un-less you deliver the guns." Mrs. Shaw is quoted by Inspector Griffin as telling him during her quizzing

Friday.

McKee still is being detained at police headquarters. J. D. Bell also is being held, and bills asking the indictment of both may be presented to the grand jury Tuesday.

T. E. McLendon, arrested at police headquarters Tuesday following his apparance in police court on a

his appearance in police court on a minor charge, was released from the county jail Friday. Police are sat-isfied he had no connection with the

his parents, both over 70 years of age, in Michigan. The youth asked them, according to Inspector Griffin, who read the note, to come to Memphis, and it is possible they will be here for their son's trial in crimi-

### MANY ATTEND LAST **RITES FOR REEVES**

"To have been called, while in line of duty, is a most noble death," said Rev. C. W. Webdell in his tribute to George Transes, slain Shelby

county jailer, when last sad rites were observed Friday afternoon at the First Methodist church.

Hundreds of people who knew George Reeves personally, and hundreds more who have known him for his excellent services to Shelby county passed the force lades are for a few hours before the funeral, and at the church where the funeral services were held.

voice trembling with emo-

tion, Rev. Webdell paid tribute to the excellent character of the man who was salah, as he said. "by a bandit, a thief, a eriminal who had forgotten God."

"I regret that I did not know George Reeves personally." he said. "but his praises I have heard a thousand times. He was a minion of the law who dared to take his life in his hands in order that he might uphold the law which he represented. He stood as a bulwark between us He stood as a bulwark between us who have made the laws, and those who strive to break the law."

Offering consolation, through his scriptural references, to the aged mother, the widow and the five children of the slain jailer, Rev. Web-dell consigned the body "to the dust from which it came." Interment was made in Elmwood cemetery, officials of the jail and

members of the police force acting as

#### Special Service For Slain Jailer

In honor of the memory of Jailer George T. Reeves, who was killed fuesday while trying to prevent the escape of prisoners, special services will be held at the Central Baptist

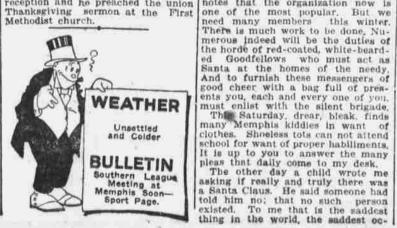
Mayor Paine, Chief of Police Burey, Sheriff Perry and Edward T Leech will participate in the service and Rev. Ben Cox, pastor of Centra Baptist church, will deliver the eulogy. Arrangements have been made for members of the police department and deputies from the sheriff; SHIP CONSPIRACY office to attend in a body. The Central male quartet will sing. Al friends of the dead officer are invited to attend.

### WITH HIS TEXAS CHARGE

The Rev. W. H. Coleman, for the past two years pastor of St. John's Methodist church, and who, at his request, recently was transferred to a exas conference, has written his riends that he is delighted with his lew charge, situated in the heart of fine residence section in Fort

Thus, members of the Santa Claus club, does Webster define a Goodfellow. But in the bright lexicon of youth you are far higher classified. You are Kriss Kringle to those home-The five men were charged with conspiring to supply the board at Hog Island with inferior materials new charge, situated in the heart of new charge, situated in the heart of

Worth. He says the congregation is pro-gressive and already plans are under way to enlarge the plant to take cage of a growing Sunday school. On Wednesday after his arrival Dr. Colethose kiddies who were it not for your goodness of heart would never man and his family were tendered a reception and he preached the union Claus club. hanksgiving sermon at the First Methodist church.



# HUNGER STRIKER ARRIVES IN U.S.

Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney Completes Journey to Testify on Conditions in Erin-Hundreds Mass to Greet Her.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Muriel MacSwiney, widow of the late Lord MacSwiney of Cork, who died on a hunger strike in London's Brixton hunger strike in London's Brixton prison, stepped quietly down the gangplank from the big gray liner Celtic this morning, landing here on her long journey to testify before the committee of one hundred investigating conditions in Ireland.

The little woman, clad in mourning, was accompanied by Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of the late lord mayor, who made the journey with her.

Outside the entrance to the pier, hundreds of men, women and chil-dren wearing mourning bands and carrying flags of the Irish republic, were massed to greet the two women, but they appeared from a different exit than was expected and stepped into a waiting taxicab and were well started before the crowd knew they had landed. Immediateely efforts were made to form a parade to escort Mrs. MacSwiney to a Fifth

avenue hotel.

Quiet marked the reception of the two women, who were the first to step ashore when the Celtic berthed.

county jail Friday. Police are satisfied he had no connection with the escape.

J. A. Thomas probably will be released Saturday, according to Inspector Griffin. Thomas, according to the detectives, was believed at first to have given Mrs. Thomas one of the pistols.

Thus far but three persons in the case have been indicted. They are Alda F. Shaw, Mrs. Shaw and Edward B. Kelly.

Mrs. Shaw wept when word was brought her of the indictment returned against her by the grand jury. Young Kelly has written a letter to his parents, both over 70 years of

MacSwiney through Grover A. Whalen, commissioner of plants and structures, representing the mayor. Down the bay J. J. Fawsitt, "Trish consul," at New York and personal representative of Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," accompanied by Oswald Garrison Villard, of the committee of 100, met Mrs. MacSwiney going out to the Ceitic on the coast guard cutter which put customs and newspapermen aboard the liner.

Passengers on the big steamer said Mrs. MacSwiney remained in her cabin much of the voyage from Liverpool, keeping to herself virtually the entire trip.

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the entire trip.

The police boats "Patrol" and "John F. Hylan," carried welcoming delegations down the bay with representatives of a number of organizations of Irish sympathizers.

The parade, which formed in considerable difficulty and confusion, turned into Fifth.

turned into Fifth avenue at Twenty-third street. There a number of la-bor union bodies, bearing their union standards, swump into line with a band. Hundreds of women and children

chapel, where the body lay in state carrying Irish flags swelled the num-or a few hours before the funeral, bers, with men marching bareheaded with them. Crowds greeted the pro-cession as it passed Forty-second cession as it passed Forty-second street and throngs packed the sidewalks in the vicinity of St. Patrick's cathedral at Fiftleth street. At the hotel Mrs. MacSwiney went at once to her apartment and the parade dis-

#### Nivelle Mistakes Elevator Man For Moroccan Colonel

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—Theodore Roosevelt Jennings is an elevator man at city hall. After he had car-ried Gen. Georges Nivelle and his party up, the defender of Verdun said to him: "Ah, mon brave enfant I did not

think to meet you here. I would hardly recognize you wilthout your fez and your baggy wartime trous-ers. You fought valiantly for France."

"These trousers are pretty baggy," he stammered, "but I been faithful to this here elevator throttle clear through the war, general, much as I wanted to get away from it. But

BY A. GOODFELLOW.

FELLOW-One associated with another, colleague, partner, de-

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### TENNESSEE G. O. P. OPPOSES TAYLOR'S SON AS SECRETARY

Proposed Naming of Democrat for Place Has Stirred Up Leaders at Nashville. Fowler Boosted for Cabinet

(Special to The News Scimitar.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 4 .- All is not serene in the camp of the G. O. P. leaders in Tennessee. According to whisperings heard about the hotel lobbles, certain Republican leaders in he state are up in arms against the appointment of Ben Taylor, Democratic son of the Republican governor-elect, as secretary to his faher. They are not hesitating to advise "Uncle Alf" of such displeasure, so the story goes, and many of the leading Republicans have announced that in the event Colonel Taylor does that in the event Colonel Taylor does name his son for the place that they will never put foot across the thresh-old of the executive offices at the

capitol. In other words, said G. O. P. leaders are mad as hornets about it. They are saying that they do not propose to run the gauntlet of Ben Taylor and his Democratic advisors every time they want to get in to see the governor. They say that the gov-ernor's son didn't even make a speech for his father in the recent campaign, although he was urged to got in the fight "because the parties were divided" and many Democrats were "making no bones" about sup-

porting Taylor.

The further objection is being raised to the appointment of the governor's son to the place because of his law partnership with Thad A. Cox, a well-known East Tennessee Democrat, who is rather abnoxious to the Republicans of that section. The Republicans are afraid, it is said, that the young man might be influenced by other Democrats. While there had been more or less

liscussion with respect to a place in discussion with respect to place in Harding's cabinet for some good Southern Republican, the leaders of the G. O. P. in this section and in certain other sections of the state are turning their eyes to James A. Fowler, of Knoxville. Mr. Fowler will be an applicant for the post of United States attorney-general it is said. The leaders point out that he has served in the Taft cabinet as assistant to the attorney-general and that in the absence of General Wickthat in the absence of General Wick-ersham that Mr. Fowler was in full command of the office. The further fact has been brought out that Fow-ler is one of the few Republicans in the state who espoused the cause of Warren G. Harding before the na-tional convention in Chicago. If a Southern Republican is given a place in the cabinet, one prominent party man declared today, "it will

party man declared today. "it will either be given to Fowler, of Knox-ville, or Hert, of Kentucky. Of the two I should think Fowler's chances

W. H. FitzHugh, local lawyer and former president of the Chamber of Commerce, was speaker of the day Commerce, was speaker of the day at the Civitan club luncheon held Friday at Hotel Gayoso. He made a plea for the public utilities law, saying that he had not changed just because he is now a lawyer for the Memphis Gas and Electric company, but that he had been in favor of the law when he was with the Chamber of Commerce.

of Commerce.

It was decided at the meeting to arrange for a supper-dance during the Christmas holidays, but no time or place was decided on. A commitce was appointed to look into these

#### ROTARIANS WILL HEAR COTTON EXPORT TALK

Gerald Fitzgerald, of Clarksdale, Miss., president of the organization that proposes to export cotton to Europe to be manufactured into goods they also serves who stants at the plans of the proceeds of the manual to the plans of his company to the Roof prisoners, special services held at the Central Baptist
Sunday evening at 7:30

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## **ARGENTINE QUITS** LEAGUE IN HUFF

South . American Republic Charges President Hymans Refused Them Recognition. Council Notified.

BY NEWTON C. PARKE, (International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

GENEVA, Dec. 4.—Official anmouncement was made today that Argentina has withdrawn from the
league of nations.

The trouble between Argentina and
the league dates back to Wednesday
the Pracident Paul Hymans of the when President Paul Hymans, of the league of nations assembly, was charged with giving no official recognition to protests made by the Argentine delegation. The Argentine delegates made further protests against their treatment and were supported by other South American

(By the Associated Press.)

GENEVA, Dec. 4.—Argentina's delegation to the assembly of the league of nations did not appear during the first hour of today's meet-

ing.
Honorio Pueyrredon, head of the delegation, refused to deny that Ardelegation, refused to deny that Ardelegation, refused to deny that Ardelegation, refused to deny the delegation. gentina was withdrawing from

"I can not discuss the matter at this time, he said to the Associated Press at his hotel. The Argentine representatives were in conference when Senor Pueryrredon was seen today. The Argentine foreign mintoday. The Argentine foreign minister declared he would probably go to the assembly meeting later, but up until noon he had not appeared. The fact that Senor Pueyrredon did not attend today's meeting caused suppressed excitement in the assembly, especially among South Americans. His refusal to deny reports that Argentina would withdraw from the league after he had characterized them last night as false, was believed to be due to a communication he had received from the Argentine government this morning.

George Nicoll Barnes, of Great Britain, was prepared today to ask the council of the league to account for its failure to use its good offices in an endeavor to keep the Russian Bolsheviki and the Poles from fighting last summer.

ing last summer.

Methods to be pursued regarding amendments to the covenant of the league will probably come before the assembly for a final ruling next Mon-Francisco Garcia Caldernon, Peruvian minister to France, ar-rived yesterday to replace Dr. Mar-jano H. Cornejo as Peruvian dele-gate to the assembly of the league.

### CANADIAN PROPOSES **ELIMINATE ARTICLE 10**

(By the Associated Press.) GENEVA, Dec. 4.—Amendment to be covenant to the league of nations are better because Kentucky falled to the covenant to the league of nations go Republican and Tennessee didn't eliminating article 10, the most mooting of the section of the pact, was introduced in the assembly of the league today by Charles J. Doherty, Canadian minister of justice. The amendment will probably be referred to the committee on amendments.

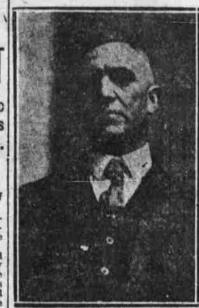
### **CLOUDY AND RAINS** PROMISED FOR WEEK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—Weather pre-lictions for the week beginning Monday are: North and Middle Atlantic states: Moderate temperature; considerable oderate temperature; considerable oudiness and occasional rains. cloudiness and occasional rains.
South Atlantic and East Guif states:
Moderate temperature; considerable
cloudiness and occasional rains.
West Guif states: Moderate temperature, considerable cloudiness and occasional rains.
Ohio valley and Tennessee: Moderate
temperature, considerable cloudiness
and occasional rains.

### "Ham And—" Costs "Tuso Bits" Again

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—
"Ham and —" back to 25 cents,
and two eggs, any style, for 15 cents, are some of the new prices announced by a large restaurant here. Pie cuts at 5 cents in-stead of 10 cents, was another

#### Succeeds Reeves



JAMES CHAMBERS.

James Chambers has been named jailer of the Shelby county jail to succeed George T. Reeves, murdered in the sensational delivery of Tues-

### MOTHER'S LOVE COMPELS WOMAN TO BURY BANDI

Through the efforts of several Memphis citizens, headed by Mrs. S. M. Tomlinson, 155 court avenue, Clyde A. Hamilton, alias Sylvanus Hoover, alias "Lefty." highwayman, bank robber and murderer of Jailer George T. Reeves, was saved from burial in the potter's field, where are buried the bodies of paupers and unfortuned. fortunates who have committed no

Despite rigid opposition on every hand, particularly in official circles, the body was to be buried in Elm-wood cemetery at 4:30 o'clock Satur-day afternoon by Thompson Broth-ers, who took charge up the arrival here from Winona, Miss., where Hamilton was shot while resisting A fund of \$18 had been raised at

noon Saturday and more was com-ing in to Mrs. Tomlinson's home from unidentified subscribers. Of the two offers of graves by women

deciared Mrs. Tomilison in defense of her attitude toward the burial which she advocates in preference to

eart goes out that I am doing this,"

### County Prisoner Accidentally Shot

Sam Conley, alias Hambone, negro prisoner at Armour's camp. Kerrville, Tenn., was shot and accidentally killed Saturday at noon by a county workhouse truck driver, R. E. Pope, No details of the affair reached the sheriff's office and guards at the prison camp said they had little in-formation as to the black's death, The shooting was accidental, ac-cording to Claude E. Farrar, guard at Armour's, Farrar said his infor-mation was that it was unavoidable. Early reports to Sheriff Perry said that Pope had been killed by a pris-

#### STATE BUSINESS HAS INCREASED IN YEAR Tennessee shows a substantial gain

Tennessee shows a substantial gain in volume of business transacted this year over last year, according to the "Trust Companies of the United States," issued by U. S. Mortgage and Trust company of New York. The figures show a gain of \$33,377,276, on a total sum of \$144,950,642, or approximately a gain of 25 per cent.

The magazine also stated that the total resources of the United States. total resources of the United States increased 12 per cent last year.

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The American Railway Express

### I I OYD GEORGE IN FAVOR OF PEACE: CABINET OBJECTS

Several Days Without Consulting Members of Cabinet. Casualty Report Is Issued.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Dec. 4—Premier Lloyd George has begun 'peace pourpar-lers' with the Sinn Fein and negotiations for a truce in Irish hostilities have been in progress for several days, it was authoritatively an-nounced by the Morning Post today. According to the Morning Post, the premier took the initiative without consulting leading members of his cabinet and more than one minister protested against the negotiations. Fifty-six British soldiers and Brit ish policemen were killed in Ireland during November and 41 were wounded, according to a casualty list for that month made public by the Sinn Fein today. Twelve members of the Irish Republican army were killed and wounded. Sixty-one civil-ians were killed and 101 wounded. Thirty-three clubs and public halls were wrecked, nine creamertes were burned, five newspaper plants were demolished, 193 shops and houses were burned and crops on 71 farms were desttroyed.

### Thirty-five men were publicly flogged, according to the report.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 4.— Returning to American shores today from his vacation voyage, Presidentelect Harding received a rousing welcome from the Virginia tidewater cities and responded with a message of renewed national confidence and Final abandonment of sectionalism

and a rebirth of fearless national-ism furnished the theme of several speeches of his program during the day in Newport News and Norfolk. He declared that although his trip the two offers of graves by women owners of lots in both Elmwood and Calyary cemeteries, the former was accepted by Mrs. Tomlinson, who assumed voluntary charge of the arrangements to give Hamilton a decent burial.

"I am the mother of 11 children," declared Mrs. Tomlinson in defense of her attitude toward the burial which she advocates in preference to which she advocates in preference to the burial the bandit would receive at the hands of officials.

Three of my boys were in France, and no mother knows what her son will do. I am just a Christian, a member of the Central Baptist church, and it is because a mother's heart goes out that I am doing this," day there as the guest of the city.

As she steamed up the roads the
Pastores was accorded a triumphal
ovation. A flotilia of 25 army airplanes from Langley field, accompanied by three naval dirigibles, went out to form a guard of honor, and the ships along the path of the president-elect were dressed in marino

### signal flags spelling out a welcome Eliot Urges Changes

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The introduc-on of more individual instruction for children in the public schools was recommended by President Emeritus Charles W. Ellot of Harvard university at the annual meeting of the New England Association of College Teachers of Education. If children can not be classified better than at present, he said, "the Ameri-can free school can not be main-tained, as it was originally estab-lished. It will become the school of the lower grades of the population. because the better classes will not keep their children under the pub-lic school system with its slow promotion. They will send them to pri-

### SAMUEL KEEL DIES.

Samuel Keel, 73. for many years circuit court clerk of Crittenden county, Ark., and well known in Memphis, died Friday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock at his residence, 967 North Dunlap street, following a short illness. Keel street in North short Illness. Keel street in North Memphis is named in honor of the family. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary L. Keel; two sisters, Mrs. Rosa D. Hill and Mrs. Emma K. Daly, and three nephews. Emmett Daly, Walter Daly and W. T. New-ell. Funeral services will be conducted from the parlors of Thompson Brothers. The time has not been

### INTIMATES RICH MEN AID ESCAPE OF HAMON V

Premier Has Been Active for Prosecutor, Mentioning No Names, Threatens Action Against Friends of Slain Millionaire.

(By International News Service) ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 4.—Wealth and power, secretly but desperately fighting the law to prevent the capture of Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, alleged slayer of Jake L. Hamon, multimillionaire Oklahoma "oil king," was the intimation given here today by County Presecutor Russell Brown. Fear that the arrest of the missing Fear that the arrest of the missing woman might "rip the lid" from a dozen other checkered careers lived behind the "lights o' nights" in Okla-noma's oil fields, it was said, gave nome's oil fields, it was said, gave momentum to the movement to help Hamon's so-called "affinity" to encape the clutches of the law.

No names were mentioned by the prosecutor who had previously declared that if he could get evidence against any person, regardless of

gainst any person, regardless of power or position, he would prosecute them as accessories after the fact, it is known that at least three wealthy friends of the dead oil king have made mysterious trips to Texas, obviously "going into Mexico" on business.

obviously "going into Mexico" on business.

One of these men is nationally known for his political activities and was a bosom friend of Hamon. This man left Ardmore in the midst of Hamon's funeral after getting a mysterious telegram from the south. Newspaper men were told he had gone to attend Obregon's inauguration at Mexico City. He has not reaturned.

The search for Mrs. Hamon, mean-while, has centered along the inter-national border near El Paso, with army officials, department of justice agents, sheriffs and police stretching a huge net hundreds of miles long. Due to lack of definite information that the woman is in Mexico and that the woman is in Mexico, au thorities here are of the opinion tha the net has turned her back from th border and that she is hiding nea

### COUNTY ATTORNEY-ELECT MUST DEFEND WOMAN

(By the Associated Press.) ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 4.-The robable appointment of a special prosecutor to proceed after Jan. I against Miss Clara Smith, sought in connection with the shooting here two weeks ago of Jake L. Hamor, took the spotlight in the case today. The new angle was injected through an amouncement by Charles A. Ceakle, law pariner of J. H. Mathers, county attorney-elect of Ardmore, that their firm had being employed to defend Miss Smith and that Mr. Mathers would recommend that Russell Brown, present county attorney, be permitted to continue in charce of the case for the state, Following almost upon the heels of Mr. Coakley's statement came an

of Mr. Coakley's statement came an announcement from Mr. Brown that there were no new developments in the search for Miss Smith as far as his office was concerned.

In his statement Mr. Coakley de-nied reports that the charges against Miss Smith would be dropped when Mr. Mathers took office as prosecu-"For reasons, convincing and pro-

fessionally ethical," the statement said, "Mr. Mathers can not, even turges Changes
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The statement added that the firm had been retained as defense counsel since the day following the death of Hamon and that it was customary for the sounts at towns to retain his for the county attorney to retain his professional connection with any case in which he may have particlpated prior to induction into office "I have to add." the statement wer on, "that the defense awaits with th utmost composure any effort that may be made to convict Clara Smith Hamon of the charge of having killed without ample justification Jake La Hamon.

### Well-Known Printer Answers Last Call

W. F. Jones, printer, employed by The News Scimitar, died in a Hin-ton ambulance Friday night while being rushed to the Baptist hospital. His family was away from the city at the time, and he had just been served with his supper at Johnson's restaurant, on Second street, when he was stricken with paralysis. He fell forward onto the lunch counter, larges Sutadas, proprieta-James Satsodas, proprietor, sum-moned the ambulance, but Mr. Jones died before reaching the hospital. He had lived for the past year at the Fransioli hotel, with his wife and daughter, both of whom are at present on a visit to Americus, Ga. Efforts were made Friday night to get in communication with Mrs. Jones, but they failed. It is expected that word will reach her some time Saturday. No funeral arrang

### "COLUMBIA MORTGAGE AND TRUST COMPANY! Peter G. Grant headed this list with an offering of \$100 adding another Put Trouble In Envelope And Mail To Alexander



there are many hundreds in hundreds in Memphis and its environs who want to be dvised regarding domestic nd other affairs. This con-

dition is obvious from the great number of letters which have been re-

ceived in the office of The News Scimitar since the announcement was made that Alexander, "The Man Who Knows," had consented to answer the readers of The News Scimitar during his engagement at the Lyric theater, which will be for the week commencing next Monday night. So you belong to this army of anxous ones-

Pack up your troubles in an en-

And send them to Alexander! If you have worries; if you're fret-However, only the initial ed about your new sweetheart-or used when the answer is

Apparently, bere are many undreds in lemphis and lemphis and classing sheep's eyes at somebody else's husband is casting fervid glances in your direction, thereby causing you mental disturbance and travail of soul—ask Alexander about it! During his engagement Alexander

will grant no private interviews or audiences, this in acordance with his contract with Manager Frank Gray, of the Lyric theater and The News Scimitar. There are only two places where you can submit your queries to the crystal seer—during his regu-lar entertainment at the theater and through the columns of The News Scimitar. A limited number of answers be givet each day, and the first will be published on Tuesday. The con-

be published on Tuesday. The con-ditions are simple. Write your ques-tion as legibly and concisely as pess sible, sign your full, correct name and address and send to "Alexander, care of The News Scimitar." It is imperative that your full, correct name and addess be signed, other-wise the question will be ignored. However, only the initials will be used when the answer is published.

#### KIDDIES' LEXICON PLACES YOU HIGH; FILL AN EMPTY STOCKING XMAS DAY fellows their best Christmas. His GOOD-Adapted to giving, poscontribution was for \$100 sessing desirable or attractive WHO AM I? "We are pleased to inclose check for \$154, being this company's sub-scription for the Goodfellows Santa

I am nobody in particular, yet I exist in many a heart. I am a myth, yet I am the spiritual embodiment of all hat is kind.

I am invisible to the eye, but my presence warms the onscience with a glow that is soul-satisfying. I am heralded far and wide, yet I abhor publicity and

stentation never marks my actions. It is my mission to establish the precepts of faith, hope and charity, and I revel in the pleasure of this practice.

prevent heartaches, misery and tears. plant seeds of belief, joyousness and light-heartedness. am in fact THE SILENT SANTA CLAUS. I AM A GOODFELLOW

are all children swinging from death's loose gates. We reach out for the playthings of life made possible by faith, love and charity. God pity us when they are gone.

Indeed there is a Santa Claus, just as sure as exists—faith, love and charity. And it is with these graces, Goodfellows, that you must aid the kiddles. Enlist with the Santa Claus club.

casion, coming when the child loses the Bernet, Kraft & Kaut han Mill-faith in Old Kriss.

Life is made up of dreams. We us for calling attention to the Goodus for calling attention to the Good-fellows, and for offering them the opportunity of aiding in this cause. They advise us to deliver to you 80 12-pound sacks of Sweet Rose flour and send them the bill for same. These 80 sacks are in our warehouse subject to the Goodfellows' orders. "Wishing you the most successful year the club ever enjoyed and as-suring you our co-operation."

From E. F. Newell, of the Cole-McIntyre-Norfleet company comes the following letter:

"We have before us a letter from R. J. Darnell wishing the Good-

Saturday the total subscription amounted to \$3,839.86.

### employes line up 100 per cent in sending forward \$14.25, which the Goodfellow postman handed me this "Dear Goodfellows: We are very proud to say that this is the third year we have had the pleasure of contributing to your good work of aiding the tots at Christmas time. We have two beautiful babies, three and one year of age. They are assured of a cozy warm home, food and little toys for their amusement, so we are inclosing \$3 to help some

Good luck and God bless you IR AND MRS DOC HIGHTSHOE, AND ARTHUR AND MILDRED HIGHTSHOE,

ttle fellow who may have been for-

Employes of the traffic department the Illinois Central again join the ub with a fine donation of \$68 Fifty dollars accompanied the fol-

"Inclosed herewith find check which e trust will add something to the leasure of the kiddles at Christ-

# ALEXANDER.